COLORED GLASS ABSORBING ULTRAVIOLET AND INFRARED RAYS

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Abstract of JP10297934

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To obtain a colored glass composition absorbing ultraviolet and infrared rays enabling mutual exchange of a clear glass and the colored glass absorbing the ultraviolet and infrared rays to be rapidly carried out and capable of forming a high quality glass without largely changing the conditions for operating the furnace and making a board by using a clear soda ash glass composition as a base, regulating the total of coloring components so as to be within a specific range and allowing the composition to have various properties resembling to that of the clear glass. SOLUTION: This colored glass absorbing ultraviolet and infrared rays is obtained by using a base composition comprising 71.1-71.5 wt.% SiO2 , 1.6-1.9 wt.% Al2 O3 , 3.2-3.5 wt.% MgO, 6.9-7.2 wt.% CaO, 12.8-13.3 wt.% Na2 O, 0.6-0.9 wt.% K2 O and 0.05-0.2 wt.% SO3 , and formulating Fe2 O3 (whole iron), and CeO2 and/or TiO2 as coloring components and regulating the total of the coloring components so as to be 2.0-3.0 wt.%. The glass preferably has 2.50-2.52 specific gravity, 1440± 10 deg.C temperature at log &eta (poise)=2, and 515± 10 deg.C temperature at the strain point.

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ULTRAVIOLET AND INFRARED RAY ABSORBING COLORED GLASS

[Claims]

[Claim 1] An ultraviolet and infrared ray absorbing colored glass that is composed of SiO₂ 71.1 to 71.5 wt.%, Al₂O₃ 1.6 to 1.9 wt.%, MgO 3.2 to 3.5 wt.%, CaO 6.9 to 7.2 wt.%, Na₂O 12.8 to 13.3 wt.%, K₂O 0.6 to 0.9 wt.%, and SO₃ 0.05 to 0.2 wt.%, and contains at least Fe₂O₃ (total iron), and CeO₂ and/or TiO₂ as coloring components, wherein a sum of contents of the coloring components is 2.0 to 3.0 wt.%.

[Claim 2] The ultraviolet and infrared ray absorbing colored glass according to claim 1, wherein a specific gravity of the glass is 2.50 to 2.52.

[Claim 3] The ultraviolet and infrared ray absorbing colored glass according to claim 1 or 2, wherein in a glass viscosity temperature relationship, a temperature when Logn (poise) = 2 is satisfied is 1440±10°C, and a temperature at a strain point is 515±10°C.

[Claim 4] The ultraviolet and infrared ray absorbing colored glass according to claim 1, 2, 3, or 4, wherein when the glass is 4 mm in thickness, an ultraviolet ray transmittance is 10% or less, a visible light transmittance is 65% or higher, and a solar radiation transmittance is 45% or less, measured with illuminant A.

[0016] As coloring components for the ultraviolet and infrared ray absorbing colored glass, the glass contains at least Fe₂O₃ (total iron) that absorbs an infrared region and CeO₂ and/or TiO₂ that absorb an ultraviolet region. The sum of the coloring components is in a range of 2.0 to 3.0 wt.%. In order to exhibit the above described effect, among the above components, it is needed that the content of Fe₂O₃ (total iron) is 0.5 wt.% or more, and CeO₂ and/or TiO₂ is 1.5 wt.% or more. Regarding CeO₂ and TiO₂, it is preferable that CeO₂ that tends to vary an iron-ion ratio and yet can sharply shield the ultraviolet region is primary used, and TiO₂ that absorbs from the ultraviolet region to a low wavelength region of the visible light and yet does not affect the rate of reduction is secondarily used.

[0017] In order to adjust the color tone, the contents of the above-described components are appropriately increased. Furthermore, MnO, CoO, Cr₂O₃, and the like in a content of several ppm to several hundred of ppm may be

appropriately introduced. It should be noted that when the total content of the coloring components exceeds 3.0 wt.%, the visible light transmittance of the product decreases, and it becomes difficult to obtain an operation condition similar to a condition for operating a furnace and manufacturing a plate of the clear glass. Therefore, the total content should not exceed this level.

[0023] According to the present invention, the glass ranges from a thin flat glass of about 1 mm in plate thickness to a thick flat glass of above 10 mm in plate thickness, and it is possible to easily produce from an untreated glass plate a half-tempered glass, a tempered glass or the like as a flat plate glass or a curved plate glass. It is also possible to preferably use as a single-plate glass, a laminated glass, an insulating glass or the like for an architectural window material, and a transport-use window material, in particular, for an automotive windowpane.

[0025] <u>Example 1</u>

As glass raw materials, silica sand, feldspar, soda ash, dolomite, limestone, mirabilite, colcothar, titanium oxide, cerium carbonate, carbon, and a coloring component concentrated frit were appropriately adopted. These components were combined at a desired ratio. The prepared raw material was placed in a melting pot, and melted in an electric furnace that was kept at about 1450°C, which is an equal temperature to that of a real furnace (for example, a lateral side wall portion in the vicinity of an injection port) for about 3 to 4 hours so as to vitrify. Furthermore, in order to homogenize and clarify the glass, the glass was kept at 1420 to 1430°C for about 1.5 to 2 hours, and subsequently, charged into a mold so that a glass block was formed. The resultant glass block was cut into a plate shape and then ground and polished, or reworked into a rod shape or a thin line shape, whereby each measurement sample was obtained.

[0026] Regarding these samples, the composition of the glass component (weight %) was determined by an analysis method based on JIS R-3101. As optical properties (at a thickness of 4 mm), a visible light (wavelength: 380 to 780 nm) transmittance (%:measured with illuminant A), an ultraviolet ray (wavelength: 297.5 to 377.5 nm) transmittance (%:measured with illuminant A), and a solar radiation (wavelength: 340 to 1800 nm) transmittance

(%:measured with illuminant A), a dominant wavelength (nm: measured with illuminant D₆₅), an excitation purity (%: measured with illuminant D₆₅) were examined based on JIS Z-8722, JIS R-3106, and ISO/DIS-9050 with a 340-type UV-Visible Spectrophotometer (manufactured by Hitachi, Ltd.) so that each value was calculated. Regarding a viscosity-temperature (°C) relationship, a rising-sphere method was used for a high temperature range and a bending-arm method was used for a low temperature range so that a viscosity curve was evaluated, whereby the temperatures at which the viscosities were 10² and 10¹² poise were calculated. A strain point was measured by a Lillie method, and a softening point was measured by a Littleton method.

[0027] In addition, a linear coefficient of expansion and a glass transition temperature were evaluated with a thermal dilatometer. A density was evaluated by the Archimedes method. A water resistance was evaluated based on JIS R 3502. As a result, the analytical values and the measurement values shown in Tables 1 and 2 were obtained.

[0028] Example 2

The glass raw material and the frit that were the same as those of the Example 1 were used, weighed and combined so that the desired component composition was obtained. A melting operation was then performed, and the resultant glasses were similarly provided for the samples.

[0029] The samples were analyzed, measured, and evaluated as in the case of the Example 1 so that the analytical values and the measurement values shown in Tables 1 and 2 were obtained.

Example 3

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The glass raw material and the frit that were the same as those of the Example I were used, weighed and combined so that the desired component composition was obtained. A melting operation was then performed, and the resultant glasses were similarly provided for the samples.

[0030] The samples were analyzed, measured, and evaluated as in the case of the Example 1 so that the analytical values and the measurement values shown in Tables 1 and 2 were obtained.

[Table 1] Glass composition (wt.%)

| | Example 1 | Example 2 | Example 3 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| SiO ₂ | 71.3 | 71.2 | 71.2 |
| Al ₂ O ₃ | 1.72 | 1.72 | 1.90 |
| MgO | 8.31 | 3.37 | 3.38 |
| CaO | 7.03 | 7.04 | 7.01 |
| Na ₂ O | 13.1 | 13.2 | 12.9 |
| K ₂ O | 0.84 | 0.84 | 0.69 |
| SO ₃ | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.09 |
| Total Fe ₂ O ₃ | 0.611 | 0.749 | 0.631 |
| FeO | 0.198 | 0.179 | 0.143 |
| CeO ₂ | 1.61 | 1.40 | 1.71 |
| TiO ₂ | 0.39 | 0.19 | 0.41 |
| CoO (ppm) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.3 |
| Fe ²⁺ /Fe ³⁺ | 0.56 | 0.36 | 0.34 |
| Introduced amount of carbon | 0.17* | 0.16* | 0.17* |
| Introduced amount of mirabilite *** | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 |

^{*} Ratio relative to introduced amount in glass (wt.%)

^{***} Ratio relative to silica (SiO₂) (wt.%)

[Table 2] Optical properties and other physical and chemical properties

| | Example 1** | Example 2** | Example 3** |
|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Optical properties | | | |
| Ultraviolet ray | 7.9 | 8.4 | 8.1 |
| transmittance | | | |
| Visible light | 74.7 | 74.5 | 69.0 |
| transmittance | | | |
| Solar radiation | 44.4 | 46.2 | 34.2 |
| transmittance | | | |
| Dominant wavelength | 515.6 | 524.6 | 500.1 |
| Excitation purity | 2.6 | 2.6 | 5.5 |
| Color tone | Greenish | Greenish | Greenish |
| Thermal propreties | | | |
| Linear coefficient of | 84.3 | 85.3 | 84.3 |
| expansion | | | |
| Transition | 553 | 552 | 556 |
| temperature(Tg °C) | | | · |
| Softening point | 741 | 737 | 747 |
| Tsoft °C) | | | |
| Annealing point | 557 | 555 | 563 |
| (Tann °C) | | | |
| Strain point (T _{str} °C) | 519 | 512 | 520 |
| Viscosity-temperature | | | |
| Logn=2 | 1440 | 1430 | 1437 |
| Logn=4 | 1034 | 1030 | 1042 |
| Logn=5 | 919 | 912 | 928 |
| Logn=7 | 766 | 760 | 775 |
| Logn=9 | 669 | 664 | 677 |
| Other physical and | | | |
| chemical properties | | | |
| Density (D g/cc) | 2.518 | 2.516 | 2.517 |
| Water resistance | 0.42 | 0.44 | 0.39 |
| mgNa ₂ O/Dg) | | | 1.22 |

^{** 4} mm thick